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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 19 August 1957

PRESENT: General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Col. White,  
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Messrs. [redacted], Sheldon, [redacted]

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General Cabell:

a) Referred to a letter which had been prepared for his signature to Adm. Thomas H. Robbins saying that we had looked into our employment situation here and had nothing suitable for the Admiral. General Cabell noted that previously there had been discussions concerning the advisability of engaging Adm. Robbins as a member of the Board of National Estimates. General Cabell gave the proposed letter to Mr. Amory and asked that he look into this situation thoroughly before we advise Adm. Robbins that we have nothing for him.

b) Referred to a paper prepared by the DD/I office proposing guided missile exchanges with the USSR, which proposals are scheduled to come up for IAC consideration on 27 August. He asked Mr. Amory to verbally summarize this paper for the benefit of Messrs. Wisner, [redacted] and Sheldon who were not familiar with it and requested that Messrs. Wisner and Sheldon study the proposals and furnish the Acting Director their respective comments. He noted that he had certain reservations on these proposals since in his view the proposed exchanges involved a "weapons system" as differentiated from normal industrial exchanges and therefore might be more properly considered within the framework of U. S. Disarmament activities.

c) Referred to a paper containing policy proposals involving assignment of military personnel to CIA. This paper had been prepared by Col. Matthew C. Stewart of the Office of Special Operations in the Department of Defense in conjunction with Col. [redacted] of our Military Personnel Division and copies had been previously circulated to the Deputies for consideration prior to this meeting. Several suggestions were made by those present, all of which were noted by Col. White who undertook to see that these changes were incorporated in the final paper. General Cabell then noted that in this connection he had asked that a seminar be arranged for the benefit of the military personnel in the Department of Defense who are responsible for the personnel processing and handling of the assignments of military personnel to the CIA. It was agreed by all present that such a seminar should prove helpful in establishing better rapport between our people and those in the military most directly involved in the assignment of military personnel to CIA.

Mr. Wisner:

25X1X7      a) Referred to cable IN 39895 from the DCI relating DCI's conversations with high [redacted] officials. Mr. Wisner noted that this cable contained matters of interest not only to the DD/I but to both the Cumming and Ream offices in the State Department. He suggested that in order to convey the appropriate information to the interested parties, he would arrange a round table discussion between State Department and CIA representatives.

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25X1A6a      a) Stated that consideration was being given to appointing [redacted] in charge of [redacted] upon his return from [redacted]. He pointed out, however, that [redacted]'s present Marine Reserve rank is considerably lower than would be necessary for him to hold as Chief of [redacted] in an active duty status. He therefore wished to inquire as to the possibility of giving [redacted] a higher courtesy or temporary rank than his present one. Col. White pointed out that this was virtually impossible because of the great competition among reservists for recalls to active duty. He expressed the belief that CIA should not ask the Services to recall our personnel to active duty at higher ranks than those to which they are normally entitled if the reason is primarily for our convenience. We should base this type of request on a purely operational justification.

25X1A9a      b) Noted that Mr. [redacted] had recently raised the problem of field visits by high level representatives from the Budget Bureau, the Killian Committee, etc. [redacted] had pointed out that these visitors always necessitate a great deal of activity in all of the various intelligence offices and other government departments, both in Washington and the field. [redacted] had suggested that in the field at least a single representative in one agency, perhaps CIA, should be designated as the Executive Agent to handle such visits and see that they are properly coordinated with all necessary offices and activities in the field. After some discussion it was agreed by all present that this was inadvisable and that no effort should be made to change the present manner in which such visits are handled within the channels of the respective departments and agencies.

Colonel White:

Read to the group the revised regulation covering the protection and disclosure of classified agency information. This regulation had been reworded in order to give it sufficient strength and clarity that it might be cited by any employee being pressed to disclose classified information in a court action. In its revised form this regulation makes it emphatically clear that the final decision cannot be made by the employee being questioned as a witness but only by the DCI.

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